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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of)
JAMES W. BUSH ET AL.)
Serial No.: 10/038,439)
Filed: January 7, 2002)
For: METHOD TO ROUGH SIZE COATED)
COMPONENTS FOR EASY ASSEMBLY) Docket No.: 9997A

Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 and/or 1.183

Syracuse, New York
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

A Filing Receipt, Confirmation No.: 9490, was mailed on February 8, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the filing date of January 7, 2002, be changed to an earlier filing date but no later than December 28, 2001, by Petition and fee accompanying this Petition, for the following reasons:

1. A provisional application, serial number 60/259,063, was filed on December 28, 2000, which means that a priority application had to be filed on or before December 28, 2001.
2. Applicant's attorney submitted the above-referenced priority patent application on December 11, 2001, along with a Transmittal Fee Sheet , and postcard. The date of December 11, 2001 is indicated on the enclosed copy of the Transmittal Fee Sheet and is hereby submitted to be the actual date of mailing.

3. Applicant received the post card back from the USPTO on January 31, 2002, with a date-stamp of January 7, 2002, with the subject serial number 10/038,439, a copy of which is enclosed.
4. Applicant did not submit the application by Express Mail, believing that the filing date would not exceed seven to ten days as it did not occur to Applicant that the U.S. mail would be delayed so long in reaching the USPTO.

Because the Applicant submitted the priority application serial no. 10/038,439 on December 11, 2001, as indicated by the date on the Application Transmittal Sheet, it is respectfully requested that the filing date of January 7, 2002, be changed to no later than December 28, 2001, and a new Filing Receipt be issued.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any fees associated with the above-referenced document to Deposit Account 03-0835.

Respectfully submitted,

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